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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

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2 September 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS/DIRECTORS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS, LABORATORIES, AND HUMPHRIES ENGINEER CENTER SUPPORT ACTIVITY

SUBJECT: Staffing of EEO Officer Positions

- 1. Reference memorandum, HQDA, ASA(M&RA), 22 January 1996, subject: Staffing of EEO Director/Officer Positions (Enclosure).
- 2. Selecting officials will select candidates for EEO Officer positions in accordance with established personnel procedures.
- 3. I strongly support Ms. Lister's efforts to ensure that we select only the very best people for EEO Officer positions. Care should be taken not to fill these positions with minimally qualified individuals with limited experience or insight. Your EEO Officer should be able to give you expert civil rights advice and skilled management of your affirmative action and diversity initiatives.
- 4. The USACE EEO Career Program Manager will contact each selecting official for EEO Officers to provide guidance and assistance in defining selection criteria and recommending candidates for selection.
- 5. Please refer your questions to the Chief, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity by electronic mail (CEEO) or by telephone (202-761-0095).

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Enclosure

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January 22, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Staffing of EEO Director/Officer Positions

In recent months it has come to my attention that some commands/installations are not filling their vacant EEO Officer positions in a timely manner. In some instances, positions are being staffed with minimally qualified individuals from other functional areas or through the assignment of military personnel.

Implementation of a viable, progressive EEO program managed by fully qualified individuals is extremely important. Army EEO Officers must be technically proficient, have credibility with both employees and management, and also be trusted advisors to their Commanders.

I am requesting that EEO Officer positions at all levels be filled with civilians who are fully qualified. This includes applicants from Priority Placement Program Lists. Assignment to EEO Officer positions will normally be through central career referral. The Functional Chief's Representative (CP 28) or MACOM EEO Director will participate in the selection process. As a minimum, participation will include contacting the selecting officials to provide guidance and assistance in defining selection criteria and recommending candidates for selection. Any position that has been vacant for 60 days or more will be reported to the EEO Agency (EEOA) for assistance. In such cases the EEOA will provide assistance in filling the position using various means.

Any questions about this policy should be directed to my Deputy for EEO Policy, Mr. Luther L. Santiful, at DSN 327-1976 or (703) 607-1976.

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